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Dear Paul,

There were a series of interruptions when I was commenting on your Epstein notes.

The last, just before supper, was the unexpected arrival of 10 new filing cabinets. This meant some hasty shuffling around to be able to locate them properly - in the basement. But they are in place. Waiting for the records that will come

I regarded Epsteins indication to Scott on KSAN as significant so I phoned Lardner, having already sent the notes although I'd not read them. He was not there so I left the message. The reporter who took the message caught the possible importance right away. Epstein was unwise to blab that out. But because he is a blabber I sure want to hear every tape available!

It is the war of the zealot mole. Angleton was his own kind of molem, a holy one. Holy Moley Jesus.

On the Post: if the AIB is not covering for you I will. I get the earliest edition, which sometimes does not carry late stories and other times has them less completely than the later editions. Jim gets the last and if there is something I miss he copies it. (He sent you the Lardner review and the Kaiser story for thos reason and because it saved a day.) He covers me on the Star, so what I see that can interest you I'll send.

If I get any feedback from Lardner (Kaiser is out of town, perhaps on an aspect of this story) of consequence I'll let you know.

My own belief is that the Post is going to regard the internal dispute as legitimate and will follow it for at least a while. It will have Hill sources and if there are leaks it may receive some.

Now that Lardner's review is out I can talk to him more freely because there will not be the suggestion that I am trying to influence his opinion. I have begun to, suggesting at the outset that there is too much paper to digest. To look for the simplest stuff and follow it.

Glad you understand that I'm into so much I can't go over the FBIHQ stuff now, much as I'd like to. I will make copies of any that I do copy. If others give me citations and it is not insignificant material of course we'll take the time to dig them out and make copies.

I now have the worksheets covering the 98,000 FBI pages. They are purged but will indicate what is omitted and what exemptions are claimed for any withholding. I noted in a spot check that records referred to the CIA last August had not been cleared by the CIA. I'll be making an issue of it. Requirement is that referrals be acted on in a month.

If I receive the Dallas records in less than a torrent I may go over them as I get them, but it will prevent other work.

The House assassins are on their Ray kick. I know of nothing they have done that is reasonable or decent and much that is not. No new work on their JFK meanderings.

Sincerely,